

**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA**

**DOCKETING DEPARTMENT**

**NOTICE OF FILING AND HEARING**

**DOCKET NO. 2005-34 –W/S**

**HAIG POINT UTILITY COMPANY, INC. – APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF AN ADJUSTMENT IN RATES AND CHARGES FOR WATER AND SEWER SERVICES**

Haig Point Utility Company, Inc. (HPU or the Company) has filed an Application with the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) for an adjustment of its rates and charges for water and sewer services. The Application was filed pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-5-210 *et. seq.*, R 103-514.4, 103-712.4 and R 103-834.

According to the Application, the Company was established to provide water and sewer service to the 1,050 acre planned development known as Haig Point, located on Daufuskie Island in Beaufort County, South Carolina. Further, the Application indicates this filing is necessary because the current rates do not enable the Utility to cover its cost of providing service and earn a fair return on its investment. The Utility, according to the Application, has not applied for rate relief in 17 years, since its initial rate filing approved in 1988.

The Company's current rates and proposed rates are as follows:

		<u>Present Rates</u>	<u>Proposed Rates</u>
<b>I. <u>Residential Rates</u></b>			
A. <u>Water:</u>			
1) Tapping Fees & ¾" Meter Box		\$500.00	\$500.00
2) Base Quarterly Charge		\$45.00	\$45.00
3) Consumption Charge (per 1,000 gallons)	0 to 22,500 gallons per quarter	\$0.00	\$2.00
	Over 22,500 gallons	\$1.20	\$2.00
B. <u>Sewer:</u>			
1) Tapping Fees & Service Lateral		\$500.00	\$500.00
2) Base Quarterly Charge		\$45.00	\$145.03
3) Volumetric Charge (per 1,000 gallons)	0 to 22,500 gallons per quarter	\$0.00	\$1.30
	Over 22,500 gallons	\$0.96	\$1.30
C. <u>Irrigation:</u>			
1) Tapping Fees & ¾" Meter Box		\$500.00	\$500.00
2) Consumption Charge (per 1,000 gallons)	0 to 18,000 gallons per quarter	\$1.20	\$2.00
	18,001 to 60,000 gallons	\$1.20	\$2.25
	Over 60,000 gallons	\$1.20	\$2.55
<b>II. <u>Commercial Rates</u></b>			
A. <u>Water:</u>			
1) Tapping Fees per Hotel or Inn Room		\$250.00	\$250.00
2) Tapping Fees up to 1-1/2" Meter		\$500.00	\$500.00
3) Tapping Fees 2" or 3" Meter		\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
4) Tapping Fees for 6" Meter		\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00
Note: Larger meters on a case by case basis.			
5) Base Quarterly Charge		\$63.00	\$63.00
6) Consumption Charge (per 1,000 gallons)	0 to 22,500 gallons per quarter	\$0.00	\$2.00
	Over 22,500 gallons	\$1.20	\$2.00
B. <u>Sewer:</u>			
1) Tapping Fees per Hotel or Inn Room		\$250.00	\$250.00
2) Tapping Fees 4" – 8" Sewer Pipe		\$500.00	\$500.00
2) Base Quarterly Charge		\$63.00	\$203.04
3) Volumetric Charge (per 1,000 gallons)	0 to 22,500 gallons per quarter	\$0.00	\$1.30
	Over 22,500 gallons	\$0.96	\$1.30

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C. Irrigation:

1) Tapping Fees & ¾" Meter Box		\$500.00	\$500.00
2) Consumption Charge (per 1,000 gallons)	0 to 18,000 gallons per quarter	\$1.20	\$2.00
	18,001 to 60,000 gallons	\$1.20	\$2.25
	Over 60,000 gallons	\$1.20	\$2.55

III. Special Conditions

A. Tapping Fees:

Remain as in original tariff.

B. Backflow Prevention:

Remain as in original tariff.

C. System Development Charge:

Remain as in original tariff.

A copy of the Company's Application can be obtained from the Commission at the following address: Public Service Commission of South Carolina, Docketing Department, P.O. Drawer 11649, Columbia, South Carolina 29211. Additionally, the HPU's Application is available on the Commission's website at [www.psc.sc.gov](http://www.psc.sc.gov).

In order for testimony and evidence to be received from all interested parties, a public hearing will be held in the Commission's Hearing Room, Synergy Business Park, Saluda Building, 101 Executive Center Drive, Columbia, South Carolina on **Thursday, July 14, 2005 at 10:30 a.m.**

Any person who wishes to participate in this matter, as a party of record with the right of cross-examination should file a Petition to Intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure on or before **May 12, 2005** and indicate the amount of time required for his presentation. *Please refer to **Docket No. 2005-34-W/S**.*

Any person who wishes to testify and present evidence at the hearing, should notify, in writing, the Docketing Department at the address below, Office of Regulatory Staff, Post Office Box 11263, Columbia, South Carolina 29211 and G. Trenholm Walker, Esquire, Pratt-Thomas, Epting & Walker, P. A., Post Office Drawer 22247, Charleston, South Carolina 29413 on or before **May 12, 2005** and indicate the amount of time required for his presentation. *Please refer to **Docket No. 2005-34-W/S**.*

Any person who wishes to be notified of the hearing, but does not wish to present testimony or be a party of record, may do so by notifying the Docketing Department, in writing, at the address below on or before **May 12, 2005**. *Please refer to **Docket No. 2005-34-W/S**.*

Any person who wishes to request a hearing in his or her county of residence should notify, in writing, the Docketing Department at the address below, Office of Regulatory Staff, Post Office Box 11263, Columbia, South Carolina 29211 and G. Trenholm Walker, Esquire, Pratt-Thomas, Epting & Walker, P. A., Post Office Drawer 22247, Charleston, South Carolina 29413. *Please refer to **Docket No. 2005-34-W/S**.*

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:** Any person who wishes to have his or her comments considered as part of the official record of this proceeding **MUST** present such comments, in person, to the Commission during the hearing.

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